

Rochester Energy Commission

October 14th, 2020

Welcome Back!

Agenda

- Approve Minutes, September
- Public Comment Opportunity
- Energy Commission Comment Opportunity
- Old Business
 - ACEEE Scorecard, Rochester update
 - Micro Mobility Program Stats
- New Business
 - Energy Awareness Month
- Energy Action Plan

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 - Welcome Wesley Varela

Old Business: ACEEE Scorecard

- ACEEE Sustainable States Network Clean Energy Challenge
- 5 States, 6 communities in each
 - Minnesota, New Jersey, Maryland, Connecticut, California
- Rochester, MN ranked 10th with 23 points
 - San Luis Obispo, CA was 1st with 44.5 points
 - St. Louis Park, MN was 3rd with 34.5 points
 - Red Wing, MN was 9th with 26.5 points
- State building and energy codes and benchmarking requirements/policies gave CA and NJ communities a leg up

Old Business: Micro Mobility Programs

250 scooters and 20 e-bikes in town

Scooter trips per month:

- June: 13, 119
- July: 18, 968
- August: 17, 306
- September: 12, 654
- Total: 62, 047

E-bikes launched mid-August with just a handful, full launch of all 20 bikes in September

- 638 trips
- 264 riders

New Business: Energy Awareness Month

- October is Energy Awareness Month
 - CERTs shared social media toolkit
 - Would EC like to promote it on City Facebook page throughout the remainder of the month? Or submit a blog post?
 - In 2020 the U.S. Senate passed a Resolution that officially designated October 7th as Energy Efficiency Day
 - Ask local elected officials to issue a proclamation (2021)
 - St. Louis Park is the only City in MN to have done so

EAP: Transportation Strategies

- Gwen Stevens & Steve Nyhus: Install EV charging stations at libraries, community centers and other municipal locations
- City Staff: Green Fleet procurement policy
- Michael Cook: Provide real-time transit and traffic information
- Anna Richey: Encourage employers to offer financial incentives for transit –use, implement flex time, alter workday hours around transportation, etc.
- Dave Reichert: Implement infrastructure improvements including “complete streets” to facilitate alternative transportation modes for all travel trips
- Dave Reichert & Roger Nelson: Implement transit-oriented development within Transit Priority areas
- Kelly O’Marro & Amber Stephan: Actions & Strategies for Sustainable Building Priorities

EAP: Sustainable Buildings

Priorities

- **Sustainable Building Policies**
 - Pursue LEED for Existing Buildings: O & M for municipal utilities
 - Develop a Zero Net Energy Policy for new municipal-owned buildings
 - Adopt/update municipal building benchmarking and energy audit policy
 - Implement city-wide weatherization program
 - Explore mandatory emissions reductions for large buildings

EAP: Sustainable Buildings

Priorities

- **Retro-commissioning**
 - Provide training and educational resources on building optimization and finance mechanisms
 - Implement technologies and programs to reduce water loss and waste
 - Conduct a municipal building electrification study to determine plan for transitioning all City buildings off natural gas and oil, towards zero energy
 - Continue efforts to improve building energy efficiency

Next Meeting

November 11th, 2020

- Future Agenda Items